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Flint Pipe Replacement

[Next phase starts for Flint pipe replacement](#)

By AP for WILX ABC 10 08/19/16 4:08 PM

Contractors will be out in Flint neighborhoods as part of the latest effort to replace old lead and galvanized steel water lines amid the city's crisis with lead-tainted water. A kickoff for the latest phase of the Fast Start program was Friday. Mayor Karen Weaver says it'll result in the replacement of service lines at 200-250 homes. She says contractors will be out in neighborhoods to seek permission from residents. This fall, her office says the next phase of the replacement program that started in March will cover 5,000 additional homes.

Mayor says she is not going to stop until all tainted lead lines are replaced

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 08/19/16 3:59 PM

Officials started contacting residents today for permission to replace lead-tainted water lines throughout Flint. Flint Mayor Karen Weaver announced in an Aug. 19 press conference at City Hall that the process has begun for the second phase of her Fast Start initiative to replace water pipes throughout the city. "We are not going to stop until all of the lead-tainted pipes are out of the city of Flint because we know that that's the only sure way that residents are getting safer water ... after we spent over two years dealing with the water that was laced with lead."

Flint starts new round of lead pipe replacement

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 08/19/16 3:14 PM

Flint's delayed program to replace damaged lines restarted today in an effort to switch out as many as 250 service lines made of lead. Flint Mayor Karen Weaver kicked off the second phase of her FAST Start initiative by announcing the neighborhoods where work will begin. Contractors are expected to contact homeowners to seek their permission to do the work.

Flint to replace at least 200 water service lines

By Jacob Carah, Detroit News 08/19/16 1:27 PM

Mayor Karen Weaver announced Friday that an additional 200 to 250 lead service lines will be replaced in Flint by the end of September as part of her Fast Start initiative, with 5,000 more water lines to be removed this fall. This next phase is being funded by \$2 million the state reimbursed Flint for funds paid in returning to the Great Lakes Water Authority last year, after it was discovered that Flint River water, which was untreated with corrosion control, was leaching lead into the city's water system.

Flint Moving Forward With Effort To Replace Old Water Lines

By Jamie Valentine, 9 & 10 News 08/18/16 3:38 PM

Northern Michigan's News Leader has an update on the state employees charged in connection to the Flint water crisis. Three employees from the Department of Health and Human Services, along with three from the Department of Environmental Quality were charged in their role in the crisis. Their charges range from willful neglect of duty to conspiracy. Flint is working to replace old water lines amid the city's crisis with lead-tainted water.

Flint moving forward on effort to replace lead water lines

By Click on Detroit 08/18/16 12:34 PM

Flint is moving forward on an effort to replace old lead and galvanized steel water lines amid the city's crisis with lead-tainted water. A kickoff for the latest phase of the Fast Start program is Friday. Mayor Karen Weaver says it'll result in the replacement of service lines at 200-250 homes. This fall, her office says the next phase of the replacement program that started in March will cover 5,000 additional homes.

Pay restored for 6 employees suspended over Flint water crisis

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 08/19/16 1:59 PM

The State of Michigan has restored full pay to six employees who are suspended from their jobs while they await trial on state criminal charges filed in connection with the Flint drinking water crisis. The employees, four from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and two from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, had been suspended without pay after they were charged by Attorney General Bill Schuette, with two of the employees charged in April and the remaining four charged in July.

Here's How Much Employees Responsible For Flint Water Crisis Are STILL Making

By Andrew Follett, Daily Caller 08/19/16 1:24 PM

A Michigan court ordered the state government Thursday to start paying almost \$500,000 to six suspended employees who face 18 felony charges for oversight failures that helped lead to the Flint water crisis. Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) confirmed that its employees Nancy Peeler and Robert Scott will be paid \$101,891 and \$74,609 respectively this year, even though they have both been charged with misconduct in office, conspiracy and willful neglect of duty.

Six criminally charged in Flint water crisis once again getting state paychecks

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 08/19/16 12:47 PM

Six state workers accused of criminal wrongdoing in the Flint Water Crisis are getting their state

paychecks once again - and Flint's mayor is not happy that. The six suspended state workers are charged with a total of 18 felony charges. They were initially suspended without pay, but their pay was reinstated this week.

Michigan restores pay of 6 employees suspended in Flint water crisis

By AP for Crain's Detroit Business 08/19/16 11:39 AM

The state of Michigan has restored the pay of six suspended employees who are charged with crimes related to Flint's crisis with lead-tainted water, as efforts move forward to replace old water pipes in the city. The Flint Journal, citing information obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, said the pay of those workers totals about \$500,000 a year. The newspaper and The Detroit News reported the update on the suspended employees, who also will get help from the state in defending themselves.

State reinstates pay for employees charged with crimes in Flint water crisis

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 08/18/16 5:29 PM

The state of Michigan has restored the pay of six suspended employees who face charges of criminal wrongdoing in the Flint water crisis. The pay of those workers totals about \$500,000 a year. Department of Environmental Quality employees Stephen Busch, Michael Prysby, Adam Rosenthal and Patrick Cook as well as Department of Health and Human Services employees Nancy Peeler and Robert Scott have had their pay restored, said Jennifer Eisner, a spokeswoman for DHHS.

Report: Pay restored for several state employees suspended for Flint water crisis

By KBZK7 08/18/16

Several state of Michigan employees who are suspended for their role in the Flint water crisis have had their pay restored, according to The Detroit News. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) water employees Stephen Busch and Michael Prysby were charged in April with misconduct, among other charges. In July Michigan Department of Health and Human Services workers Nancy Peeler, Corinne Miller and Robert Scott, along with DEQ employees Adam Rosenthal and Patrick Cook were also charged with various crimes in connection with the ongoing crisis.

State spends \$5 million to defend Gov. Snyder, workers in Flint water crisis

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 08/19/16 12:31 PM

Criminal cases against state employees charged with wrongdoing in the Flint water crisis are just beginning, but legal fees have already risen to more than \$5 million for Gov. Rick Snyder and two departments in state government. Snyder will tell the State Administrative Board on Aug. 30 that he is raising the spending caps on contracts for two law firms representing his office against civil lawsuits related to Flint water — enough to cover \$3.4 million in billings so far, the governor's press secretary said.

Flint-Related Legal Bill for Gov. Snyder Grows by Millions

By Deadline Detroit 08/19/16 12:05 PM

Lawyers continue to be the beneficiary of the Flint water scandal. Gov. Rick Snyder's office has racked up \$3.4 million in legal bills from private laws firms representing the governor and his staff in the Flint water crisis, Chad Livengood and Jonathan Oosting of The Detroit News report. The fees are for February through July.

Snyder's Flint water legal bills nearly triple to \$3.4M

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 08/19/16 7:27 AM

Gov. Rick Snyder's office has racked up \$3.4 million in legal bills from private laws firms representing the governor and his staff in the Flint water crisis — almost tripling the original \$1.2 million budget. Snyder's office disclosed Thursday that two law firms billed the governor for \$1.2 million in work in February, March and April and that another \$2.2 million is needed to pay legal bills for May, June and July.

Political roundup: AG ignored Flint residents; straight-ticket voting

By Stateside Staff for Michigan Radio, 08/19/16 7:00 PM [radio clip]

The Michigan Information and Research Service (MIRS) reported this week that Flint residents contacted Attorney General Bill Schuette's office long before he launched an investigation into what became known as the Flint Water Crisis. Democrats have accused the Republican of

ignoring those complaints, and only beginning an investigation after news media coverage became so prominent.

Hillary Clinton campaign office to open in Flint

By Dominic Adams, MLIVE 08/19/16 3:26 PM

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton will open an office in Flint on Saturday. The Michigan Coordinated Campaign said it will open the Flint field office with an open house from 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 20, at 3518 Robert T. Longway Blvd. The notice was posted on Clinton's website and invites people to come tour the building, meet volunteers and join other Hillary Clinton supporters. It did not say if Clinton will be at the event Saturday.

State releases mugshots of Mich. employees charged in Flint water crisis

By WWMT West Michigan 08/18/16

The mugshots have been released of the six current and former Michigan state employees who were charged last month in the Flint water crisis. Three employees from the Department of Health and Human Services have been charged, along with three from the Department of Environmental Quality.

Other News

Little Miss Flint offers backpacks, supplies to kids after donation drive

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 08/19/16 7:02 PM

Months after Amariyanna Copeny, also known as Little Miss Flint, drew President Obama to visit amid the water crisis, she's giving back to the Vehicle City in her own way. Amariyanna, 9, collected backpacks and school supplies for the 2016-17 school through donations she received from people and groups, including Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and the Michigan Department of Corrections.

LEADING EXPERT ON CORROSIVE WATER HELPING CITY DEAL WITH NORTHEAST FRESNO WATER ISSUE

By Gene Haagenon, ABC 30 08/18/16 8:49 PM

The nation's leading expert on corrosive water and lead contamination is helping Fresno deal with its tainted water crisis. Dr. Marc Edward is best known for exposing lead contamination problems in cities across the country, most famously, Flint, Michigan. He is also a professor and researcher at Virginia Tech University. Dr. Edward has been hired by the city of Fresno to consult on how to deal with the corrosive water problems plaguing northeast Fresno. His message, as far as concerns about lead contamination-- things really aren't that bad.

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